

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR ELECTROSURGICAL TREATMENT OF TURBINATES** the specification of which X is attached hereto or ___ was filed on _____ as Application No. _____ and was amended on ___ (if applicable).

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56. I claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

| Country | Application No. | Date of Filing | Priority Claimed Under 35 USC 119 |
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| | | | Yes ___ No ___ |

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

| Application No. | Date of Filing | Status |
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| 08/990,374 | December 15, 1997 | _ Patented <u>X</u> Pending _ Abandoned |
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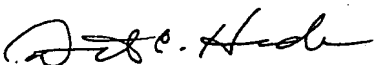
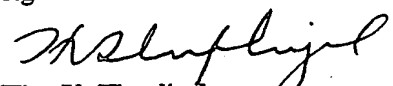
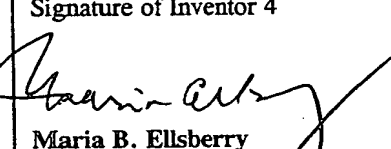
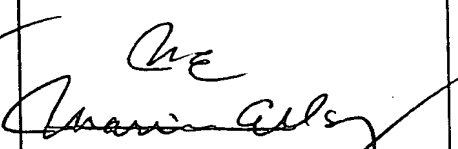
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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

JOINT

WHEREAS, DAVID C. HOVDA of 1900 Miramont Avenue, Mountain View, California 94040, HIRA V. THAPLIYAL of 1192 Volti Lane, Los Altos, California 94024, PHILIP E. EGGERS of 5366 Reserve Drive, Dublin, Ohio 43017 and MARIA B. ELLSBERRY of 548 Praderia Circle, Fremont, California 94539, hereinafter referred to as "Assignors," are the inventors of the invention described and set forth in the below identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of the Invention:

SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR ELECTROSURGICAL
TREATMENT OF TURBINATES

Date(s) of execution of Declaration: _____

Filing date: _____ Application No.: _____; and

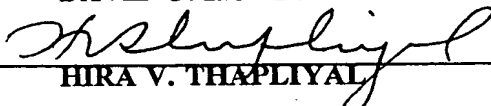
WHEREAS, ARTHROCARE CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation, located at 595 N. Pastoria Avenue, Sunnyvale, California 94086, hereinafter referred to as "Assignee," is desirous of acquiring an interest in the invention and application and in any Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted on the same;

For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignors, Assignors have assigned, and by these presents do assign to Assignee all right, title and interest in and to the invention and application and to all foreign counterparts (including patent, utility model and industrial designs), and in and to any Letters Patent and Registrations which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States and all countries throughout the world, and to claim the priority from the application as provided by the Paris Convention. The right, title and interest is to be held and enjoyed by Assignee and Assignee's successors and assigns as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors had this assignment not been made, for the full term of any Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

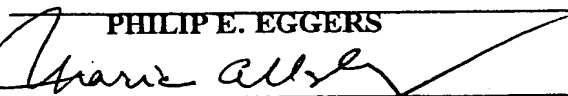
Assignors further agree that they will, without charge to Assignee, but at Assignee's expense, (a) cooperate with Assignee in the prosecution of U.S. Patent applications and foreign counterparts on the invention and any improvements, (b) execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including patent applications and instruments of transfer and (c) perform such other acts as Assignee lawfully may request to obtain or maintain Letters Patent and Registrations for the invention and improvements in any and all countries, and to vest title thereto in Assignee, or Assignee's successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have signed their names on the dates indicated.

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